

**Timely Tidbits ...****Bilal's Stand Premieres**

A feature-length film produced and directed by 2001 Romulus High School alumnus Sultan Sharrieff (aka Sultan Sharrief) will premiere for a onetime showing at the Michigan Theater (603 East Liberty Street, Ann Arbor) on Thursday, April 3, at 7 p.m. The movie – *Bilal's Stand* – was shot, in large part, at RHS, and features culinary arts instructor Charles Usztsies playing himself. Other members of the Romulus community have roles as extras.

Tickets are \$6 for University of Michigan students; \$8 for all others.

**Easter Egg Hunts****In Taylor**

An Easter Egg Hunt for children ages one to ten will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 21, on the front lawn of MediLodge of Taylor (23600 Northline Road). Highlights of the event will include candy, prizes, money, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Call 734-287-8580 for info.

**In Brownstown**

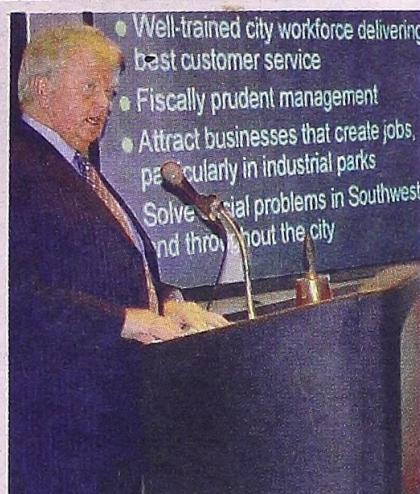
Woodland Church (24101 Van Horn Road, Brownstown Township) is hosting an Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, March 22, beginning at 11 a.m. The event, open to children ages two to eleven, will feature an egg hunt, games, prizes, giveaways, inflatable attractions, and more. Call 734-782-5805 for details.

**In Romulus**

The Romulus Recreation Department will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt – rain or shine – on Saturday, March 22, in the park behind the Romulus Senior Center (36525 Bibbins). The event is free for Romulus residents; photos with the Easter Bunny will be \$2.

Egg hunts will be divided into four age groups: three years and under, four to five years, six to seven years, and eight to ten years. Some eggs will contain a special prize. Participants must bring their own basket for storing the eggs they collect.

The event will begin promptly at noon. Please allow enough time for parking, which will be permitted in the Senior Center parking lot and along Olive Street. Upon arrival, report directly to the patio area behind the Senior Center. □

**Priebe's "State of the City" Address Focuses on Achievements**

**Mayor Cameron Priebe's State of the City Address identified areas of progress. Photo by Kathleen Trent**

Streamlining government, stabilizing neighborhoods, solving social problems, and improving the quality of life for City of Taylor residents were highlights of progress outlined by Mayor Cameron Priebe at his State of the City Address presented on March 6.

Mayor Priebe spoke to a sold-out crowd at a special meeting of the Taylor Rotary, which included a luncheon with proceeds benefiting the Taylor Teen Health Center.

In his speech, Priebe outlined what he believes to be recent successes in managing "inherited problems," which included, "\$25 million of new City debt, a structural deficit, deferred maintenance on buildings, and 50% wage increases for police and fire."

"We must live within our means," said Priebe, who went on to talk about his

administration's "Taylor turnaround" program. It includes:

- working to make the Meijer Taylor Summer Festival a "break-even" event for two years in a row. Priebe reported that, for many years, the City supplemented the summer festival by as much as \$120,000 per year. He thanked the business leaders of Meijer, Masco, Fritz Enterprises, Oakwood Heritage Hospital, National City Bank, and others for their continued festival support.
- reducing appointed staff by 50% and holding the line on costs where possible.
- contracting with a professional management company, Rink Management, which pays the City of Taylor to operate the Taylor Sportsplex instead of draining City funds. Priebe noted that there is still a debt on the building, which the City will have to pay over many years to come.
- improving the City's Golf Department to a break-even operation, representing a positive swing of more than \$400,000.

Priebe also discussed "the greening of Taylor." He enumerated the City's many accomplishments in reducing its carbon footprint, preserving woodlands and planting trees, utilizing alternative fuels and hydrogen fuel cell technology in the City vehicle fleet, and currently conducting a wind-power feasibility study that could lead Taylor to invest in cost-saving, renewable wind energy.

With regard to the City's efforts to stabilize neighborhoods and improve the quality of life, Priebe discussed the new "Taylor Cares" home program, through which the

City is purchasing foreclosed homes for \$1 each from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, renovating the dwellings, and selling them to qualified families at, or just below, market prices. The first home, located on Dudley Street, has been completed, and could be sold as early as April 1. Rehab has begun on several other homes, as well. Priebe thanked Congressman John Dingell for his help in bringing the program to Taylor.

Priebe additionally noted that the City plans to expand its efforts in the southwest section of Taylor. Current plans call for further reducing density and adding more green areas.

The advantages of the moratorium on residential development in the City were also noted. The Mayor thanked the Taylor City Council for its support, and said the moratorium has helped by giving City staff members time to focus on the development of a new master plan, which has been prepared and is scheduled for consideration this spring.

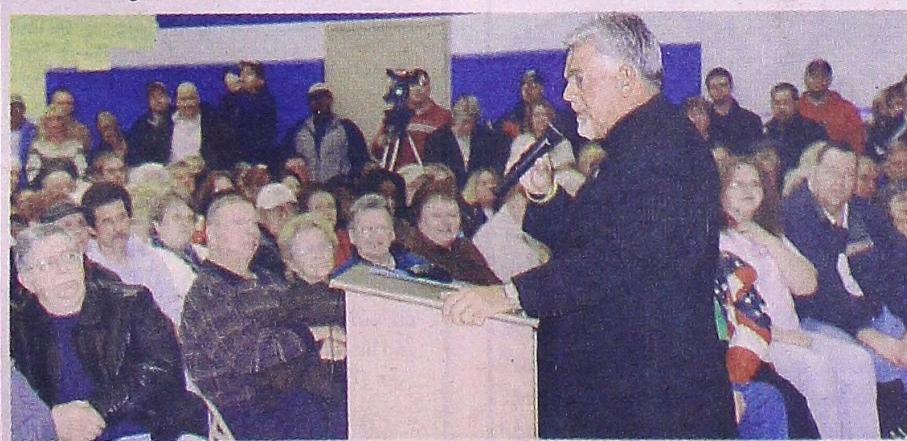
In the effort toward blight elimination, the Mayor discussed the demolition of two unsafe, abandoned homes on Beech Daly Road near Truman High School, as well as the demolition of six other structures throughout the city, including the former Handy Andy building on Telegraph Road.

Priebe stressed the need for the right mix of new development for the future. He cited his recent trips to the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, China, and Las Vegas as examples of progressive areas that are capitalizing on their resources, education, and tenacity in developing their own communities. He noted the efforts of Taylor and neighboring municipalities, which are working with Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano to develop vacant areas around Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport to bring new investment and job opportunities to the area.

Address highlights also included the City's focus on improving the quality of life through neighborhood improvements, better parks, and continued work with the Taylor School District in sidewalk, traffic, and road improvements near schools.

Priebe further noted that this year marks the 40th anniversary of the City of Taylor, and stated that a number of key activities related to the anniversary are in the planning stages for May.

Priebe closed his annual address by stating, "Honest communication is realizing that dialog is not just a freedom to speak, but a willingness to listen and act – so let's act." □

**City Awaits Vote on DTW Master Plan**

**Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert addressed a crowd of more than 750 people who attended a March 11 meeting at Merriman Elementary School to voice their concerns about the Wayne County Airport Authority's new Master Plan proposal. Now, residents are anxiously waiting to see if the WCAA approves the plan at its March 20 meeting. (See story on page 3.) Photo by Kathleen Trent**

## Letter to the Editor

### RHS Basketball Team: True Champions

To the Editor:

As a parent and citizen in the City of Romulus, I would like to share this message.

\* \* \*

Dear Romulus High School Varsity Basketball Team:

You are true champions! I am very proud of the way you all handled yourselves during this basketball season. You played as a champion would play, by never giving up. You often turned impossible situations into victories. You turned defeats into lessons learned by having a determination within your hearts to get to the playoffs. You had a vision!

Please do not hold your head down, ever – for “Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes the time. Vision with action can change the world.”

You gave this city pride, togetherness, new friendships, and memories that will be cherished and talked about for the years to come. Whatever happens in your life, always remember: Who you are does make a difference.

Thank you for being CHAMPIONS!

Lisa Johnson  
Romulus

### RMS Says Thanks

The annual Soul Food Dinner held at Romulus Middle School on February 27 was an enormous success. On behalf of the entire community, I would like to thank the following individuals, groups, and businesses for their support of the event.

- Tina Talley (mistress of ceremonies),
- Henry James and the Romulus High

School Jazz Band,  
• all the performers,  
• the Planning Committee,  
• the RMS cheerleaders and girls' basketball team,  
• the Romulus Community Schools' maintenance crew,  
• all the City and School District officials,  
• Uncle Joe's Market (Westland),  
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• Leonardo's Restaurant (Romulus),  
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• Fire Mountain (Westland).

Thanks, also, to the community as a whole. This was the best year we have ever had, and we were able to raise more than \$600 for our Student Activity Fund.

We look forward to hosting this event again next year.

Sincerely,  
Phyllis Adkins, Principal  
Romulus Middle School

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### Domski Honored for Holiday Dinners



Larry Domski (third from left), who organizes an annual “True Meaning of Christmas” dinner sponsored by his family, was honored with a volunteer award from the City of Taylor. Years ago, the Domskis decided to give up exchanging gifts and put their money to better use by serving a full Christmas dinner – complete with all the trimmings – to the hungry on Christmas Day. Among those on hand for the presentation were (from left) Allen Liebau (who won an auction to be ceremonial mayor for the day), City Councilwoman Jacklyn Molner, and Mayor Cameron Priebe.

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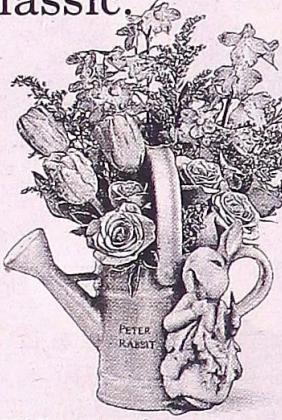
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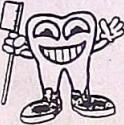
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## Romulus Awaits Vote on DTW Master Plan

By Kristi Stephens

Hundreds of Romulus residents and other citizens from the surrounding area have voiced their concerns about a proposed Master Plan being considered by the Wayne County Airport Authority. Now, they're waiting to see if the WCAA Board of Directors will take those concerns into consideration when deciding the proposal's fate.

During its regular meeting of March 20 (which had not yet occurred at our press time), the Board was scheduled to hear a presentation from WCAA CEO Lester Robinson, who will take the lead in pitching the "preferred development plan." That plan - which calls for the future construction of a fifth runway to handle a projected increase in traffic - would displace approximately 3,500 residents on the south side of Romulus, close one to two elementary schools, and result in a loss\* of nearly \$1 million in City tax revenue and \$1.7 million in Schools revenue, according to Romulus City Planner Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP.

Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert believes that such losses would have a devastating effect on his hometown.

"I understand that a strong airport is important to our area's economy, but there's no need for such a drastic plan," he stated.

"It's flawed in several ways," he continued. "First of all, it's based on a projection of 2.5% annual growth - yet traffic has remained stagnant for the past two years. Given the state of our economy, it seems unlikely that things will change much in the foreseeable future."

Other factors cited by Lambert included the effect that the plan's announcement will likely have on local property values and salability, as well as what he sees as utter disregard for its effect on the surrounding area.

"The plan was conceived without giving due consideration to the severe impacts on non-Airport facilities like schools, roads, and other community infrastructure. City input has been virtually ignored, and not one member of the Romulus Community Schools was invited to take part in the planning process.

"Surely there are other alternatives that would allow the Airport to increase its capacity without consuming an additional 7% of our City's land area."

Lambert said that he and a coalition of four other mayors (John O'Reilly of Dearborn, Dan Paletko of Dearborn Heights, Hilliard Hampton of Inkster, and Cameron Priebe of Taylor) plan to attend the WCAA meeting to speak out against the proposed plan. Behind them will be the support of a number of communities (including Belleville, Brownstown Township, Huron Township, Taylor, Van Buren Township, and Wayne) that have adopted resolutions in support of the Romulus cause.

According to Lambert, they hope to convince the Board not to adopt the plan - or, at the very least, to table it until further study can be made.

plan is a bad idea. Among its proponents is Michael Conway, who believes that the Airport's future expansion is essential to the area's overall economic growth. He acknowledges that some will be negatively affected in the process, but urges everyone to look at the big picture.

"When you look at a large map of the entire region served by DTW, a Master Plan designed to accommodate future growth in aviation makes a lot of sense," read a recent statement he issued to *the little paper*. "According to the University of Michigan-Dearborn, activity at DTW already stimulates more than 71,000 jobs statewide and has a \$7.6 billion annual economic impact. The opportunity for future growth in aviation would certainly mean more jobs and prosperity in our region."

Conway said that, since learning of the new master plan proposal, many people have the idea that Airport expansion is imminent, but that isn't so.

"The additional runway shown on DTW's Master Plan will not be needed for many years into the future; however, it is important to have it shown, so that the Airport Authority and City can begin planning for when it becomes necessary. In fact, a Master Plan showing anticipated future projects is *required* by the Federal Aviation Administration of every US airport which accepts federal funds. Clearly, it would be irresponsible for airport management to *not* plan for the future."

Conway also believes that the City's concerns *have* been duly considered - and will continue to be addressed, as well as possible, in the future.

"The City has four members on the Master Plan Technical Advisory Committee, which has already met five times since this process began," he stated. "Please know that Airport management is listening to and understands the concerns of the City, and is committed to working closely with the City to minimize the negative impacts and maximize the positive impacts of a growing and flourishing Airport."

When asked if the City of Romulus would be permitted to videotape the WCAA meeting for future broadcast on local government access channels, Conway said he didn't know, but didn't think there would be a problem. Romulus Mayor Lambert told *the little paper* that he does plan to bring a camera operator to the meeting.

The Wayne County Airport Authority Board of Directors is a seven-member body made up of two appointees chosen by the governor, four selected by the county executive, and one named by the county commission. Terms range from two to eight years. Both current gubernatorial appointees were chosen by former Governor John Engler; current county exec appointees were named by former CEO Edward McNamara and current CEO Robert Ficano.

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## New Hydrogen-fueled Buses Will Transport Passengers at Metro Airport

Ford Motor Company, Congressman John Dingell, and the Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) have announced the delivery of two hydrogen-fueled Ford E-450 shuttle buses to be used for transporting airline passengers between terminals at Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW).

The delivery is the result of a partnership involving Ford, the WCAA, and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG). The project is being funded with a Department of Energy grant that was supported by Dingell, who represents Michigan's 15th District.

"These buses represent part of Ford Motor Company's strategy to deliver transportation solutions that emit less CO<sub>2</sub> and reduce our dependence on oil," said Ziad Ojakli, Ford group vice-president, government and community relations. "We are pleased to partner with the State of Michigan and Wayne County to place these buses into service so that locals and visitors alike will be able to experience this unique form of clean transportation. The buses also serve as a visible demonstration of Michigan's commitment to innovation and sustainable mobility."

Dingell, who played a critical role in securing funding for the project, said he's glad that people coming through Detroit Metropolitan Airport will see this "fine example of American engineering" when they visit.

"Ford is building some of the finest green vehicles on the road today," said the congressman. "The company proves, time and time again, it is committed to reducing greenhouse gases and producing efficient vehicles. The Airport and SEMCOG are also to be commended for helping protect our environment, and deserve credit for their fine work on this project."

WCAA CEO Lester Robinson said he's grateful to Ford, SEMCOG, and especially Representative Dingell for bringing this opportunity to DTW.

"This cooperative partnership will provide the Airport Authority with new technology to support our ongoing commitment to reducing airport emissions and to transport customers in a more sustainable manner," he stated.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano also applauds the partners for providing the buses.

"This is another example of the commitment in Wayne County to alternative transportation fuels," said Ficano. "Wayne County already is one of the leading governmental users of biodiesel, having purchased nearly one million gallons since 2006."

According to a WCAA press release, Ford was the first automaker to deliver hydrogen-powered commercial vehicles for real-world use in several cities. Ford has delivered buses to Greater Orlando Airport Authority, Orlando Convention Central District, SeaWorld Orlando, University of Missouri-Raleigh, the City of Las Vegas, and the San Mateo (CA) County Transportation Authority, and also sent 10 buses to Canada for use in Prince Edward Island, Ottawa, and Vancouver. To date, 23 buses of the 30 built have been delivered to customers for commercial use.

Power for the Ford E-450 shuttle buses is provided by a 6.8-liter V-10 internal combustion engine that has been supercharged and modified to run exclusively on hydrogen fuel. DTW's new buses will be fueled by a hydrogen pumping station located in the City of Taylor.

Hydrogen-fueled internal combustion engines are said to have many advantages, including high-efficiency, all-weather capability, and near-zero emissions of regulated pollutants and greenhouse gases. Ford hopes that the hydrogen internal-combustion-engine shuttle buses will provide valuable real-world experience as the company continues its research into hydrogen power as an alternative fuel. □

### Taylor FOP Sponsors McGeogh Scholarship

Taylor Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge 123 is sponsoring a college scholarship for students from Truman and Kennedy high schools for the fifth straight year. The award was named the Holly McGeogh Memorial Scholarship in honor of Army Specialist McGeogh, a 2002 Truman High School graduate who was killed in a bomb blast in the war in Iraq in January 2004. McGeogh, who was 19 years old, was planning to attend college when she returned home from the Army.

Taylor high school seniors who will be attending an accredited college or university beginning in the 2008-2009 school year are eligible for the scholarship. Seniors can obtain an application

from their high school counselor or from the Taylor Police Department. Students will be required to submit at least two letters of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or member of law enforcement; a certified copy of their high school transcript; and a 500-word essay highlighting their educational and career goals. The deadline for submitting an application is May 9, 2008. The application packet must be submitted to Mary Sclabassi, Taylor Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 123, 23515 Goddard Road, Taylor, MI 48180.

The Taylor FOP also accepts donations from individuals and businesses interested in contributing. For info, contact Sclabassi at 734-374-1531. □

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## Capitol Update

### "Save the Dream" Bills Would Help Michigan Families Facing Foreclosure on Their Homes

By State Representative Hoon-Yung Hopgood,  
22nd District of Michigan

The House and Senate have agreed to a package of bills, collectively referred to as the "Save the Dream" package, to help families unable to afford their mortgage payments. The bills authorize the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) to administer two programs that will offer immediate assistance to families in danger of losing their homes: the ARM Assist Refinance Program and the Rescue Refinance Program.

The ARM Assist Refinance Program enables borrowers to refinance an existing adjustable-rate mortgage (whose interest rate has skyrocketed) to a more affordable fixed-rate mortgage. The Rescue Refinance Program assists homeowners who have both missed (or been late) a few payments and been unable to negotiate a manageable loan restructuring with their existing lender in obtaining a fixed-rate loan.

Both programs are funded entirely through the sale of bonds and MSHDA's refinancing of loans and operating expenses, and will not use any State revenue. There are income and appraised property value limitations to participate in these programs; however, the passage of Senate Bill 1133 will raise a family's income limitation to \$108,000 and the appraised property value limitation of a four-family unit to \$299,000. Raising these caps will allow more families hurt by high interest rates or fraudulent lending to benefit from these programs and be able to keep their homes.

#### Questions Left Unanswered in Airport Expansion Plan

I attended the City of Romulus's Public Hearing on the proposed Airport expansion last Tuesday, and listened to the City residents' many concerns about the effects the expansion will have on their homes, their neighborhoods, and the City itself.

Hearing these worries and reading through the e-mails and letters I received, it appears clear that there is still much uncertainty surrounding which homes, businesses, and schools would be affected, as well as what will be offered to help impacted residents and cities. The Wayne County Airport Authority has done a commendable job of planning for the continued growth and expansion of Detroit Metropolitan Airport and of demonstrating the Airport's potential of bringing new jobs and development to the region. At the same time, the residents of Romulus and its neighboring cities deserve more information concretely outlining the Airport Authority's plans for the relocation and retention of displaced residents, and for aiding city officials in mitigating any negative impact on their cities.

For this reason, I and several of my House and Senate colleagues will be sending a letter asking the Airport Authority to delay voting on the expansion until such information is made available.

#### Film Incentive Package Receives Enthusiastic Bipartisan Support

Bills designed to attract motion picture and commercial production to Michigan received near-unanimous support from the House and Senate as the multiple-bill packages enthusiastically passed both Chambers.

The sixteen-bill House package, House Bills 5841-5856, will create loan incentives and tax rebates for film production companies that film or produce motion pictures, documentaries, commercial advertisements, television programs, music videos, and interactive video games within the state.

The bills offer significant advantages for prospective Michigan workers: tax credits of 40% for the cost of employing Michigan workers will be given to production companies, encouraging them to hire locally; additionally, tax credits will be offered to companies that provide job training. The bills also offer tax credits for production costs; tax credits for investment in media production facilities, which are capped at \$20 million; and the free use of state or local government property for filming.

Film production contributes to state and local economies through purchases of local goods and the hiring of local workers, and other states that have enacted film incentives witnessed an increase of several hundred million in film-related dollars. By attracting production companies to Michigan and incentivizing the hiring of Michigan workers, we hope to similarly profit in investments and employment growth.

#### House Passes Bills To Protect Vulnerable

The House increased the protection of children by passing Senate Bill 273, which requires the Department of Human Services to contact local law enforcement in cases of suspected child abuse, expanding the current requirement of contacting a prosecuting attorney. DHS will have to make contact within 24 hours of receiving a report of suspected child abuse or neglect. This bill reinforces the urgency of investigating child abuse and the need for immediate investigation. It also requires DHS to report cases involving death, sexual abuse, exploitation, and the severe physical injury of a child. □

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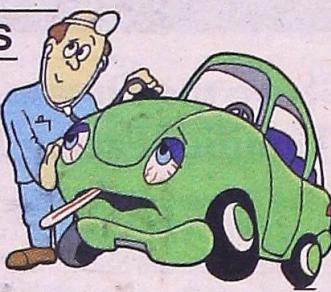
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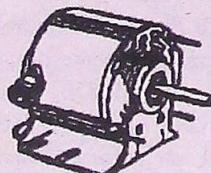
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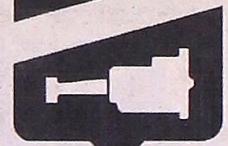
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## RHS Basketball



Congratulations to the Romulus High School boys' varsity basketball team, which advanced to the State Class A semifinals before being defeated by Detroit Pershing, 79-77 (OT), on March 14. Pictured are: (from left) front - Cody Barnes, Rashard Porter, Filmore Bouldes, Dominique Buckley, Valdez Green, Mario Crawford, and Demetrius Price; middle - Tierra Green, Laron Rodgers, Donnavin Searcy, Derek Kinney, DeAndray Buckley, Stafan Jenkins, Devin Pankey, and Jazmine Bass; back - Shanice Anderson, Josh Baker, Steve Glenn, Will Clyburn, Josh Elliott, Martell Anderson, Nate Oats, Donzell Carter, and Tiffany Clark.



Also having a wonderful season was the Romulus High School girls' varsity basketball team, which made it to the second round of the regional tournament before losing to Southgate Anderson, 53-37, on February 28. Pictured are: (from left) front - Christina Barnett, Christienne Linton, and jasmine Knowles; middle - Erin Bragg, Jazmine Brown, Christine Wells, and Kanaya Williams; back - Calvin Harris, Yvette Harris, Tanikka Coleman, Ashley Moore, Rola Emanuel, Bill Kilgore, and Mrs. Harris. Photos by Life Touch



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## Belleville

### Quilt Exhibit

The "Patches and Patterns: A Celebration of Quilts" exhibit will feature more than 160 antique and contemporary quilts on display at the Belleville Area Museum (405 Main Street) from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, through Saturday, March 29.

Admission is \$1.

For information, call 734-697-1944.

### All-Day Scrapbooking

St. Anthony Church (409 West Columbia Avenue) is hosting an All-Day Scrapbooking fund-raiser on Saturday, March 29, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Participants should bring scrapbooking supplies and a cushion to sit on. Scrapbooking products will also be available for purchase. Door prizes and raffle drawings (for a small fee) will be featured, as well.

Registrants may choose from one of three packages:

- "A" - \$35 (9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; covers continental breakfast, lunch, snacks, dinner, and table space),
- "B" - \$20 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; covers continental breakfast, lunch, snacks, and table space), or
- "C" - \$20 (3 p.m. to 9 p.m.; covers dinner, snacks, and table space).

Proceeds will be used to send Boy Scouts Troop 793 members to youth leader training.

Advance sign-up is required. For further information, call Pat at 734-699-3290, Nancy at 697-7663, Connie at 697-2538, or Susan at 697-4727.

## Brownstown Township

### Township Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Charter Township of Brownstown Board of Trustees will be held at Township Hall (21313 Telegraph Road) on Monday, April 7, at 7 p.m. Meetings are usually held on the first and third Monday of each month.

For more information, visit the Township's Web site: [www.brownstown-mi.org](http://www.brownstown-mi.org).

### Pet Clinic

Brownstown will hold its annual Inoculations & Licenses Clinic for dogs and cats at the Township's new Animal Control Shelter (an addition to the DPW building, behind Township Hall) on Saturday, April 26, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Senior citizens and others who have trouble standing in line for an extended

period of time are invited to arrive early (at 9 a.m.) for special service.

For details on shots and license fees, visit [www.brownstown-mi.org](http://www.brownstown-mi.org) and click on Departments, then Animal Control.

## Huron Township

### Special Services at St. Paul

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church (19109 Craig Street) invites the public to attend the following "Lamb of God - Pure and Holy" services for the Easter season:

- Good Friday (March 21) at noon,
- Good Friday (March 21) at 7 p.m.,
- Easter "sunrise" (March 23) at 6:30 a.m., and
- Easter "morning" (March 23) at 10 a.m.

To learn more, call 734-753-9048.

## Romulus

### Pancake Breakfast Precedes Egg Hunt

The Men's Club at Community United Methodist Church (11160 Olive Street) will host a Pancake Breakfast fund-raiser on Saturday, March 22, from 8 to 11:30 a.m. It's the perfect way to prepare your family for the City's annual Easter Egg Hunt, which will be held just down the street at the Romulus Senior Center at noon sharp. (For more information, see the "Timely Tidbits" on Page 1.)

Your donations are welcome!

### City Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Romulus City Council will be held at City Hall (11111 Wayne Road) on Monday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are usually held on the first, second, and fourth Monday of each month.

For more information, visit the City's Web site: [www.romulusgov.com](http://www.romulusgov.com).

### Easter Bowl-a-Thon

St. Aloysius Catholic Church will host an Easter Bowl-a-Thon fund-raiser at Romulus Lanes (37452 West Huron River Drive) on Saturday, March 29, at 1 p.m.

For further details, call Romulus Lanes (734-941-6200) or Joe Ozog (941-3466).

### "Polar Science Adventure"

The Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road), the Ann Arbor Exhibit Museum of Natural History, and University of Michigan science students will join together at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 31, to present *Melting Away: Protecting the Poles*, the final segment of a three-part Family Reading/Science series aimed at children ages 6 to 11.

For information about this hands-on, family-friendly program, call 734-942-7589.

### Voter Registration Deadline

Residents who want to take part in the Romulus Community Schools' annual election, but are not yet registered to vote, must register by Monday, April 7. For more in-

formation, call the Romulus City Clerk's Office: 734-942-7540.

### "Legacy Five" in Concert

Bethany Bible Church of Belleville will present "Legacy Five" in concert in the auditorium at Romulus High School (9650 Wayne Road) on Friday, April 11, at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 in advance, or \$14 at the door (if available).

For information, call 734-697-7456 or visit [www.bethanybiblechurch.com](http://www.bethanybiblechurch.com).

### School Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education will be held at the District's Administrative Offices (36540 Grant Street) on Monday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are usually held on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

For more information, visit the District's Web site: [www.romulusk12.com](http://www.romulusk12.com).

### Second Monday Book Club

Meetings of the Second Monday Book Club - open to everyone 18 and older - are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Advance registration is not required for this free program; just read the suggested book, then drop in and enjoy the discussion and refreshments.

Books planned for discussion include:

- *Blue Shoe* by Anne Lamott (April 14),
- *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis (May 12),
- *The Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger (June 9), and
- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle (July 14).

For more information, ask a librarian or call 734-942-7589.

### Historical Society Meets

The next meeting of the Romulus Historical Society will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, at the Romulus Historical Museum (11120 Hunt Street). The public is welcome.

### Used Book Sale

The semiannual Friends of the Library used book sale will be held at the library (11121 Wayne Road) April 21-23 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and April 26 from noon to 5 p.m.

Monday through Wednesday, sale items will be available at the following prices:

- adult hardcovers - \$1.50,
- adult large paperbacks - \$1,
- adult paperbacks - \$.50,
- children's hardcovers - \$.50,
- children's paperbacks - \$.25, and
- videos, DVDs, CDs, & records - \$1.

Biggest book bargains will be found on Saturday, when shoppers will be able to take home a bagful of books for just \$2.25.

For information, call 734-942-7589.

### Bowl-a-Thon Benefits Animal Shelter

The Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter will host its fourth Bowl-a-Thon fund-raiser at Romulus Lanes (37452 West Huron River Drive) on Friday, April 25, at 7 p.m.

For further details, call Romulus Lanes (734-941-6200) or Romulus City Councilman Bill Wadsworth (941-0616).

### School Board Election

The annual election for the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, May 6. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information, call the Romulus City Clerk's Office at 734-942-7540.

### "Mom 2 Mom" Sale

Shop for gently used children's items at the Romulus Recreation Department's upcoming "Mom 2 Mom" sale, to be held at Romulus Progressive Hall (11580 Ozga Street) on Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aisles will be wide enough for strollers, so bring the little ones with you!

Rental space (10'x8' with table) is \$20. Space is limited; register early.

Visit [www.mom2momlist.com](http://www.mom2momlist.com) for more information, or call 734-941-8665.

## Taylor

### "Bowling for Jobs"

Now through March 31, Taylor Lanes (24800 Eureka Road) will host a Motor City Bowl-A-Thon to raise money for job creation and worker training through Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit. Highlights of the event will include an appearance by WYCD-FM 99.5 radio personality Dr. Don Carpenter from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 29. (Note that there is no set time for the Bowl-A-Thon. Participants may call 734-946-9020 to make arrangements, or visit [www.motorcitybowlathon.com](http://www.motorcitybowlathon.com).)

A minimum cost of \$150 per team includes two games of bowling, shoe rental, two slices of pizza or two hot dogs, a soft drink, giveaway items, and a raffle entry. Awards will be given for highest team score, largest amount of money raised, and best YouTube video.

### Fast-pitch Softball Registration

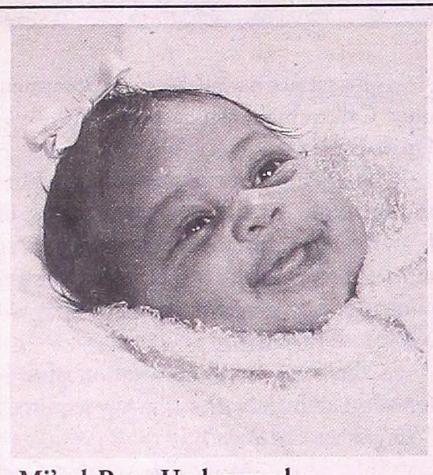
Registration for the Taylor Northwest Little League's girls' fast-pitch softball program will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26, and Wednesday, April 2, at the clubhouse in Papp Park (Wick and Westlake roads). The program will be split into the following age divisions:

- beginner (ages 7-8),
- minor (ages 9-10),
- major (ages 11-12),
- junior (ages 13-14),
- senior (ages 15-16), and
- big league (ages 16-18).

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# The Stork Arrived

## Mi'ael Rose Underwood



Mi'ael Rose Underwood

Proudly announcing the birth of their daughter, Mi'ael Rose Underwood, are Michael and Kellie Underwood of Taylor, Michigan.

Mi'ael was born in Livonia, Michigan, at 3:34 a.m. on Sunday, November 11, 2007, weighing 7 lbs., 12 oz., and measuring 21 in.

Especially excited about the new arrival were older sister Ke'Mi Danielle Underwood and godmother Quaylynn Barden-Stovall.

Also giving Mi'ael a warm welcome into the family were her paternal grandparents, Harold and Jacqueline Peagler, and her maternal grandparents, Clarence and Mitzi Massey (all of Romulus, MI). □

## Community Calendar

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Registration fee is \$35.

For details, call 313-295-4010.

### Flea Market

St. John Lutheran Church and School (13115 Telegraph Road) will hold a Flea Market fund-raiser on Saturday, March 29, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For details, call 734-287-3866.

### Bowling Benefits "Chasing the Dream"

A fund-raiser for Chasing the Dream is scheduled for Saturday, March 29, at Skore Lanes (22255 Ecorse Road). Check-in will begin at 8 p.m.; bowling will follow at 9 p.m.

Admission is \$35 per person, which includes three games of ninepin/no-tap bowling, pizza, and door prizes. (Shoe rental is an additional \$.99.) Mystery games and 50/50 raffles will also be featured.

For more information, call Joe Dubois at 734-442-4201 or 734-770-0349.

### Bowling Fund-raiser Aids Little League

A Bowling Benefit for Taylor Northwest Little League will be held at Skore Lanes (22255 Ecorse Road) on Saturday, March 29, at 9 p.m. (Check-in time: 8 p.m.)

A cost of \$20 per person includes three games of ninepin/no-tap bowling.

For information, call Mike Turner at 313-995-2286.

### "Meet with the Mayor" Night

The City of Taylor's next "Meet with Mayor Cameron Priebe" night will be held at Taylor City Hall (23555 Goddard Road) on Monday, March 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. The open house program for Taylor residents is usually held on the Monday before the first council meeting of the month.

For more information, visit the City's Web site: [www.cityoftaylor.com](http://www.cityoftaylor.com).

### City Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Taylor City Council will be held at Taylor City Hall (23555 Goddard Road) on Tuesday, April 1, at 7 p.m. Meetings are usually held on the first and third Tuesday of each month, with study sessions taking place the night

prior to the regular meeting.

For more information, visit the City's Web site: [www.cityoftaylor.com](http://www.cityoftaylor.com).

### Free Concert Features Jazz

The final concert in a series of free events sponsored by the Downriver Council for the Arts and Wayne County Community College District will take place in the Ray Mix Room at the WCCCD Downriver Campus (21000 Northline Road) at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2. Appearing will be the Royal Garden Trio + One, performing traditional jazz with a distinctly nontraditional sound.

Support for Music "In the Mix" has been provided by Target and the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs.

For more information, call the DCA at 734-287-6103.

### Dinner/Auction

Light and Life Christian School (8900 Pardee Road) will host a dinner, silent auction, and live auction beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday, April 11. The event will also feature a "moonwalk" and games for children in grades K-5.

Dinner is \$2.

For information, call 313-292-1660.

### "Mom 2 Mom" Sale

A "Mom 2 Mom" Sale will be held at St. John Lutheran School (13115 Telegraph Road) on Saturday, April 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Admission is \$1.

### Elsewhere

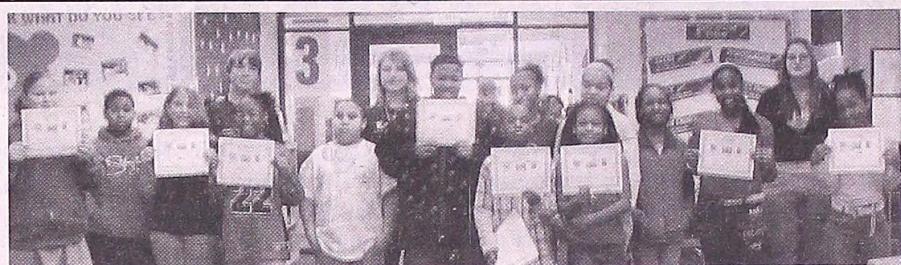
#### Laurel & Hardy Fan Club

The next meeting of Sons of the Desert, a Laurel & Hardy Fan Club, will be held on Thursday, May 15, at Mama Mia's Restaurant (27770 Plymouth Road, west of Inkster). Enter the banquet door; parking is available across the street in the west lot.

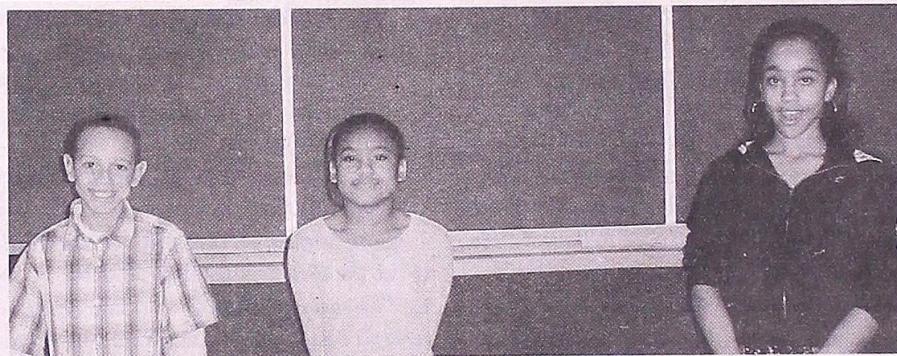
Dinner will begin at 6 p.m., followed by a movie at 7:30 p.m.

For information, contact Frank Spunar at 734-955-2487. □

# What's Up at Wick



Wick Elementary fifth- and sixth-graders who received Peer Mediation training from Romulus Middle School students are excited about the opportunity to use their new problem-resolution skills to help their school maintain a safe climate.



Congratulations to Wick Elementary fifth-grader Amir Joseph (left), who won the schoolwide spelling bee for 2008. Tiffany Sims (right) was the first runner-up; the second runner-up was Shaniora Buford.



Lisa Leucht's second-graders – including (from left) Dillon Glenn, Madison Bonam, Kylie Richards, and Shyanne Smith – had a wonderful time taking part in a recent "100s Day" celebration. Activities like writing 100 words and counting 100 pennies were aligned with expectations for their grade level.

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# “Sassy Seniors” News

For more information about these or other programs, contact the appropriate senior center or other organization.

## Brownstown

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### Travel Club Fund-raiser

The Brownstown Senior Travel Club is inviting the public to attend a spaghetti dinner fund-raiser at the Community Center on Thursday, May 8, from 4 to 7 p.m. The meal will include spaghetti and sauce, salad, bread, dessert, and a beverage.

Cost is \$5 for adults or \$3 for children ages 4-10; kids 3 and under eat free. Tickets for a 50/50 raffle will also be sold at the dinner. Proceeds will be used to help reduce the price of trips for club members.

### Red Hat Society Fund-raiser

The Brownstown Feisty Red Hatters are inviting everyone to attend their spaghetti dinner fund-raiser, to be held at the Community Center on Thursday, June 12, from 4 to 7 p.m. The meal will include spaghetti and sauce, salad, bread, dessert, and a beverage.

Cost is \$5 for adults or \$3 for children ages 4-10; kids 3 and under eat free. Tickets for a 50/50 raffle will also be sold at the dinner. Proceeds will be used to help reduce the price of activities for members.

### Project Healthy Living

Brownstown adults (age 18 and older) are urged to take part in Project Healthy Living, a program designed to promote positive health habits and detect disease during its initial stages of development, enabling early treatment and aiding in the prevention of advanced illness. Free and low-cost health-screening tests, educational literature, and counseling will be featured.

Admission to the program – to be held at the Senior Center on Wednesday, April 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – is free, and no advance registration is required.

### “Service with Love”

Brownstown senior citizens (age 55 or older) living alone or as a couple can enjoy a safer, more secure life by signing up for “Service with Love.” The free program – especially beneficial for those who are homebound or suffering from a life-threatening condition – features a friendly phone call each weekday morning to confirm your well-being.

Call the Center for a registration form.

### Regular Events

Regular programs offered by the Center include:

- euchre (Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m.),
- quilting (Wednesdays, 9 a.m.),
- blood-pressure checks (first Thursdays, noon),
- bowling (Fridays, 1 p.m., Flat Rock Lanes), and

- exercise (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 a.m.; \$.25 donation/class). Call for more information.

### Special Trips

Area seniors are invited to take part in one or more of the following trips.

- **DSO – “The Beat Goes On”** (Thursday, March 27; \$50 cost includes transportation, continental breakfast, lunch, and admission to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra show, which will feature a nostalgic program of songs from Burt Bacharach, The Beatles, the Beach Boys, and more),
- **“Menopause: The Musical”** (Friday, April 10; \$60 cost includes transportation, admission to the show; and lunch at the Century Grille),
- **“Surviving Samco”** (Friday, April 18; \$40 cost includes transportation, admission to the show, and a five-course Italian lunch at Genetti’s Hole in the Wall),
- **Red Hat Society Luncheon at Zehnders in Frankenmuth** (Tuesday, April 22; \$45 cost includes transportation, chicken dinner and dessert, entertainment, and prizes; note that members and guests must dress in “full regalia” – red hat and purple outfit for women 50 and over; pink hat and lavender outfit for women under 50 – when attending Red Hat Society meetings and events.),
- **“Evita”** (Sunday, April 27; \$93 cost includes transportation, admission to the show at the Stranahan Theatre, and lunch at a Toledo-area restaurant), and
- **“Don’t Dress for Dinner”** (Tuesday, April 29; \$35 cost includes transportation, admission to the show at Cornwell’s Dinner Theater, and turkey dinner with all the trimmings).

Call the Center for more information.

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### Tax Preparation Services

AARP will be at the Romulus Senior Center from 12:30 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday through April 9 to provide tax preparation assistance to senior citizens (age 60 and older), low-income individuals, and persons with disabilities.

Tax services will also be offered at the Romulus Tower senior apartments building on Fridays (except Good Friday).

This service is available by appointment only. Call to make your reservation.

A list of items to be brought to your appointment is available from the Center.

### Culinary Class

Get tips on food preparation and presentation in the Romulus Senior Center’s second culinary class, set for Friday, March 28, at 11 a.m. Featured dishes will be chicken rollatini and eggplant parmesan.

Cost to be announced (no more than \$10). Preregistration is required. Everyone is welcome!

### Jewelry Class

The next of Maria Lambert’s always-popular jewelry classes will be held on Wednesday, March 26, at 12:30 p.m.

Cost is \$10. Preregister at the Center.

### Special Trips

Call the Senior Center for more information about any of the following trips.

- **Cornwell (Turkeyville)** (Tuesday, April 15; \$75),
- **Windsor Racetrack** (Wednesday, April 23; \$10),
- **Historic Sauder Village** (Friday, May 2; \$70), and
- **Holland Tulip Festival** (May 6-7; \$150).

### Shopping Trips

Romulus seniors are invited to ride the Center’s van, free of charge, for Monday morning (9:30 a.m.) shopping trips to:

- Meijer/Southland (April 7),
- Wal-Mart (April 14), and
- Kmart (April 21).

Reservations are accepted on a first-come/first-served basis.

### Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Steve Robinson’s monthly “Ask the Attorney” program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, at the Center.

As always, both walk-ins and call-ins are welcome.

### Regular Programs

Free or low-cost weekly programs offered at the Romulus Senior Center include:

- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- fun night (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- game day (Thursdays, 1 p.m.),
- quilting (Thursdays, 6 p.m.), and
- walking club (Fridays, 1 p.m.).

### Hot Lunches

Don’t forget that the Senior Center serves a hot lunch at 11:30 a.m. each weekday (except for holidays) for a suggested donation of only \$2.25.

This month’s menu includes lemon pepper chicken, chicken salad, meatloaf, and coney dogs.

Call by noon at least one business day in advance to make your reservation.

## Taylor

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### Tax Preparation Services

Volunteers at the Ford Senior Center will help senior citizens and persons with disabilities prepare Homestead Property Tax returns each Monday, and other tax returns each Thursday. Most returns will be electronically filed.

This service is available by appointment only. Call to make your reservation.

### Quilt Exhibit

The Senior Center bus will travel to the Belleville Area Museum at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 28, to see “Patches and Patterns” – an exhibit of over 100 antique and contemporary quilts (some of which will be offered for sale).

Cost is \$2 for transportation plus \$1 for admission. Advance sign-up required.

### “Singin’ in the Rain”

Fans of the classic film starring Gene Kelly and Donald O’Connor will be sure to enjoy this musical production at the Trenton Theatre on Saturday, April 12. The bus will depart from the Center at 4:30 p.m. and return at about 10 p.m.

Cost is \$12 plus dinner on your own. Advance sign-up is required.

### Great Lakes Banjo Convention

If you love bluegrass/banjo music, you won’t want to miss this show! The bus will depart from the Center at 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 26, and return at about midnight.

Cost is \$10 for transportation and admission, plus dinner on your own. Preregistration is required.

### Billiards Tournament

The Ford Senior Center will host a billiards tournament for two-person teams (partners will be assigned to solo registrants) on Wednesday, April 16. Play will begin at 8 a.m. Prizes will be awarded for first- and second-place teams.

Cost is \$5 per player. (Proceeds to benefit the Ford Senior Center Bus Fund.) Pre-register by Friday, April 4.

### Watercolor Workshop

A watercolor workshop will be offered at the Center each Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon and from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$7 plus supplies (bring your own or buy from the teacher for \$1.50 per week).

### Wood-carvers Meet

Local wood-carvers meet at the Ford Senior Center every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. Anyone interested in taking up this hobby, either again or for the first time, is welcome to stop in and see what it’s all about.

### Free Health Screening

On Wednesday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to noon, Wayne County senior citizens age 60 and up can get a number of free health tests (vital signs/blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol, complete blood count, urinalysis, and hemoccult) at the Ford Senior Center. (People 50 to 59 are welcome, too, but must pay for lab work.)

Please bring the name of your physician and relevant health history information, including a list of your medications.

Although there is no charge for the screenings, donations will be accepted to help defray the costs of the program. □

# Obituaries

## Janice Y. Disney

Janice Y. Disney of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, February 23, 2008, at the age of 70.

The native of Globe, Kentucky, was born on Monday, November 15, 1937.

Janice was the picture-perfect wife, mother, and grandmother, and especially loved spending time with her grandchildren. She enjoyed being a caretaker, and was always there for those she loved.

Surviving Janice are her husband, Samuel Disney; her son, Mark S. Disney (Romulus); 2 daughters, Lisa Y. (Jeff) Schurr

(Britton, MI) and Cathy L. (Robin) Ellis (Litchfield, MI); 9 grandchildren; and 2 brothers, James Price (Canton, MI) and Bob Price (Gahanna, OH).

Among those who predeceased her were her parents, Jess and Grace (Brown) Price, and 2 brothers, Harold and Jess Price, Jr.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, February 27, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Pastor David Miles (First Baptist Church, Flat Rock, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

## Alfred Alexander Falatine

Alfred Alexander Falatine of Belleville, Michigan, passed away in his home on Saturday, March 8, 2008, at the age of 74.

The son of the late Alexander and Sophie Jennie (Snyr) Falatine was born in New Boston, Michigan, on Tuesday, December 12, 1933.

Al became a professional musician at the age of 12. He graduated from Romulus High School in 1952, and went on to further his education at Wayne State University, earning a bachelor of science degree in musical education in 1956. Al then proudly served his country in the US Army in France, where he got the chance to meet Billie Holiday and other famous people.

In 1996, Al retired from the Van Buren Public Schools after more than 30 years of teaching music. Known to many as "Al, the Kiddie Pal," he also taught the neighborhood children in his spare time. They would anxiously await their new vocabulary word of the day.

Al loved his family, and, along with his wife, taught his children how to think – not just memorize – so that they would be able to make decisions on their own. He

was a true philosopher who loved to read, as well as a talented artist who specialized in the watercolors medium. Al was also a huge sports enthusiast. His family never heard him yell until there was a bad play! He loved to golf, and was a member of various leagues.

Surviving Al are his wife of more than 44 years, Vivian (English) Falatine; a son, Michael (Lisa) Falatine (Belleville); 2 daughters, Georgia "Crockett" (Michael) Yost (Belleville) and April (Larry) Dalrymple (Ypsilanti, MI); 5 grandchildren, Alexander and Cherokee Falatine, Alexyia Yost, and Cheyenne and Gage Dalrymple; a sister, Evelyn "Midge" Alatalo (Romulus, MI); and many other family members and friends.

A funeral mass was held on Thursday, March 13, at St. Stephen Catholic Church (New Boston, MI), with Father John Hedges officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). Arrangements were entrusted to David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville). Mourners may sign the guest book at [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com).

Memorial contributions to Arbor Hospice or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital would be appreciated by the family.

## E. W. Jack Ferrett

E. W. Jack Ferrett of Belleville, Michigan, passed away at Heartland Health Care Center (Ann Arbor, MI) on Monday, March 3, 2008. He was 84 years old.

The son of the late Edward John Russell and Levica Pearl (Armstrong) Ferrett was born in Port Huron, Michigan, on Sunday, July 29, 1923. His mother died in childbirth, and he was raised by his father and his mother's sister, Elsie Maude Evelyn (Armstrong) Ferrett.

Jack attended Port Huron Public Schools, graduating in 1942. That year, he enlisted in the US Navy and trained as a pharmacist's mate, serving with the First Marine Division during the battle for Okinawa and later in their peacekeeping role in China. From the fall of 1945 until May of 1946, he was stationed in Peking. He was discharged in May 1946.

Jack met Mary Frances Murray in Port Huron, and they were married on September 3, 1946, in Melvin, Michigan. He attended Eastern Michigan University under the GI Bill, and received a bachelor of arts degree in education. After a brief recall to service during the Korean Conflict, Jack taught first in the Marine City Public Schools, but spent most of his career in the Livonia Public Schools, primarily teaching history and civics. He also earned a master of arts degree from EMU before retiring from teaching in 1986. Jack also taught driver training for a number of years, worked part time at the J.L. Hudson Company, and worked several summers as a carpenter.

For more than 50 years, Jack was an active member of First United Methodist Church (Belleville). He enjoyed volunteer-

ing at the Ann Arbor Veterans Administration Hospital, where he put in more than 2,000 hours and received an award for his efforts in 2006. He was also a member of Rotary International, the Michigan Education Association, and the National Education Association.

Jack was a loving family man who never tired of family gatherings.

Surviving Jack are his wife; 7 children, Robert (Mary Jane) Ferrett (Ypsilanti, MI), Donald (Lisa) Ferrett (Manassas, VA), Janet (Richard) Armstrong (South Lyon, MI), Cathy (Michael) Muha (Chelsea, MI), Marilynn (Edward) Long (Onstead, MI), Barbara (Spence) Turner (Newburgh, IN), and Richard (Rebecca) Ferrett (Belleville); 12 grandchildren, Robert (Cindy) Ferrett, Brian (Barbara) Ferrett, Jennifer Armstrong, Rebecca Armstrong, Luke Armstrong, Jeremy Muha, Benjamin (Janeé) Muha, Jonathan (Heather) Long, Steven Long, Nicholas Long, Kimberly Stolar, and Jennifer Turner; 5 great-grandchildren, Clara Fesemyer, Siena Ferrett, Nathan Long, Lacey Childress, Brandy Childress, Scott Childress, and Robbyn Stolar; and a sister, Arlene Schroeder (Clinton, MI).

A funeral service was held on Friday, March 7, at First United Methodist Church, with Reverend Jim Walker officiating. Cremation rights were accorded, with burial of cremains in the Memorial Garden at FUMC. Arrangements were entrusted to David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville). Mourners may sign the guest book at [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com).

Memorial contributions to FUMC would be appreciated by the family.

## Carolyn E. Smith

Carolyn E. Smith of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Friday, February 22,

2008, at the age of 64.

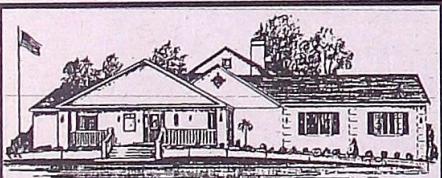
Carolyn – born in Huron Township, Michigan, on Sunday, December 19, 1943 – enjoyed watching soap operas and spending time with her family, friends, and cats.

Surviving Carolyn are her husband, Raymond Smith; 5 sisters, Margaret (Lloyd "Dale") Banks, Marilynn Paice, Dorothy Lovas, Kathy Lovas, and Cindy Lovas; and 5 nephews and nieces.

Among those who preceded her in passing were her parents, Frank and Margaret (Koster) Lovas, and a brother, Frank Lovas.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, February 27, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus). Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Memorial contributions to the American Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family. □



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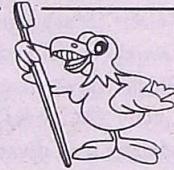
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